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REPORT

SECTION 2-2-2

Date September 24, 1932

Subject (in full) Letter from Melchers & Co re: M. Genkin and G. Genkin.

Made by D.S. Prokofiev

Forwarded by

O'Brien S.I.

With reference to the letter dated August 31, 1932, from Melchers & Co on the subject of M. Genkin and G. Genkin, alleged "to be connected with the Soviet activities", I have to state that these individuals arrived in Shanghai from Harbin on January 15, 1932, by the s.s. "Choshun Maru".

Brothers Genkin are Russians of Jewish origin. They are not known to any of the local Russian emigrants organizations, but are registered as emigrants with the Public Safety Bureau where they gave the following particulars:-

- 1). Mikhail Yakovlevitch Genkin, born 1893, at Tomsk, merchant;
- 2). Gregory Yakovlevitch Genkin, born 1899, at Tomsk, merchant.

It is reported that they arrived in Harbin from the U.S.S.R. during the earlier part of 1931 and that formerly M. Genkin held a post in the Supplies Department of the Leningrad municipality. This, coupled with the fact that they were able to leave Soviet Russia, apparently, in possession of some funds, lead to rumours of their being connected with Soviet activities, but, so far, there is no evidence forthcoming to substantiate the allegations against these two individuals.

Following their arrival here they resided at 321 Rue Cardinal Mercier until July 1-st, when they removed to 113 Route Pere Robert, their present address.

In view of the foregoing, I would suggest that Messrs Melchers & Co. be verbally informed that we are unable to confirm the information they seek.

A. Prokofiev

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Officer i/c Special Branch.

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DEPT Private Office.

August 31st 1931.

The Commissioner,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
Intelligence Bureau,  
Present.

Dear Sir,

Re: M. Genkin & G. Genkin,  
residing at 113. Route Pere Robert

The above gentlemen, said to be Russian emigrants from Petrograd, recently approached us in respect of a business deal in connection with our refrigerator department. The deal may require the extension of credit over some period.

In the absence of written references from above party we beg to enquire whether the Intelligence Bureau of the S.M.P. is in possession of any records in respect of the character of said people.

Inofficial information, confidentially given to us, hints at above party being connected with Soviet activities. Said information, it is stated, emanated from Police quarters, and we shall be much obliged to learn, either verbally or in writing, whether any facts are known to substantiate such rumour.

Thanking you in anticipation for the courtesy of an early confirmation of our enquiry,

We are, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*

GENKIN, Mihail Yakovlevitch - Soviet

Arrived in Shanghai from Harbin on 15 Jan. 1932 on the S.S. "Choshun Maru".

Formerly held post in the Supplies Dept. of the Leningrad municipality.

Resides at 113 Route Pere Robert.

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SMP: No. D 3972  
26 Sept. 1932

GENKIN, Gregory Yakovlevitch - Soviet

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